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Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer's course of the Annamalai University.

* 626 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons who have so far passed the examination for the Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer's course of the Annamalai University?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" One hundred and eleven, Sir."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, many of the diploma-holders of this course could not get employment as this course is considered inferior to the L.C.E. Course. May I request the Government to treat it as being on a par with the L.C.E. Course? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the matter is under the consideration of the Government. We have already been relaxing the relevant rules and absorbing these diploma-holders and, as a matter of fact, 34 persons have already been absorbed."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, may I know why this Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer's Course of the Annamalai University was recently abolished? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this course was abolished because most of the persons turned out by the University could not be absorbed in service."

Tambaram Sanatorium.

* 627 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons registered for treatment in the Tambaram Sanatorium during the years 1952 and 1953;

(*b*) how many of them were provided with beds and treated during the years 1952 and 1953;

(*c*) how many of them are still in the waiting list;

(*d*) whether the hospital authorities provide beds to patients according to priority of registration; and

(*e*) the expenses incurred in running the sanatorium for the years 1952 and 1953 showing separately for each year the cost of the establishments and other expenses?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The number of persons registered for treatment in the Tambaram Sanatorium during the years 1952 and 1953 is 1,691 and 2,223 respectively.

" (*b*) In 1952, 546 patients and in 1953, 851 patients were admitted and treated.

" (*c*) Nil.

" (*d*) Yes, Sir.